

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Patent Examiner for his remarks and consideration during the interview conducted on March 1, 2005. The Preliminary Amendment originally submitted on April 15, 2004 has been further amended to remove those claims which were not amended by the Preliminary Amendment. Only amended claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11 and 12 are in this amendment. Claims 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14, and 15 should remain unchanged from the original patent. No new matter has been added.

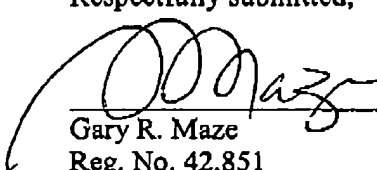
Claim 1 has been amended to remove extraneous capitalization of words and to change a reference to inlet pressure to provide antecedent for subsequent claims. Towpath has been corrected to flowpath and an additional element has been added to claim 1 to address the error that necessitated the filing of this Reissue Application, PCT Application WO 81/01692 published June 25, 1981 by Applicant Valmet OY ("the Valmet reference").

Claims 4, 5, 7, 11 and 12 have been amended to refer to the inlet pressure for proper antecedent and in claim 8 the word unit has been replaced with the intended word until.

It is submitted that claim 1 is allowable over the Valmet reference in that the check valve in the Valmet reference, without applied pressure is held open by virtue of spring 20 pushing piston 15 toward post 23 until post 23 unseats ball 22 by compressing spring 21. In claim 1, the check valve is closed when there is no inlet pressure as shown in Figure 1A.

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